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Madame:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, setting a three-month statutory period for response. Applicant is filing this amendment on August 17, 2009, along with a three-month extension fee, and a related petition. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed on August 17, 2009, within the three month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: